

## LPC Launches Work-Based Learning Initiative

*Fueling Economic Development, Building Employer Partnerships, Providing Services to Hire Interns*



Courtesy of Early Childhood Development

LPC's award-winning Early Childhood Development Program trains teachers for our community and provides many work-based learning opportunities.

LPC's new Work-Based Learning Initiative supports the college's pivotal role in building the area workforce, fueling economic development, and providing new opportunities for employers, students, and alumni. The college's Career Technical Education (CTE) Program administers the initiative, which includes specialists who visit community employers, activities supporting work-based learning, and a new College Central Network Services website connecting employers with qualified students and alumni. LPC graduates are represented in many career fields in our region. The college's CTE Program focuses on specific industry sectors, ensuring a talent pipeline of skilled workers from our college to the workplace. Following are the industry sectors served by LPC's CTE Program: Public Safety and Health Sciences, Business and Entrepreneurship, Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation, and Information, Communication and Technology.

### Work-Based Learning Specialists

Four new Work-Based Learning Specialists serve as liaisons with area industry sectors, increasing our already strong connections with employers and paving pathways for more partnerships. Benefits for employers include recruiting employees and influencing curriculum development to meet industry requirements. Benefits for students and alumni include jobs, internships, and other work-based learning opportunities.

### Work-Based Learning Activities

LPC has always offered a rich array of work-based learning opportunities. The initiative seeks to increase these activities, such as internships, job shadowing, field trips, guest lecturers, career-related student competitions, work experience, service learning, and faculty externships.

### How Employers, Students, and Alumni Can Connect

Our new College Central Network Services website gives employers an easy, free way to recruit qualified LPC student and alumni interns. Students and alumni can post résumés and search internship opportunities, and employers can post internships and search student and alumni résumés. On the website, LPC promotes additional work-based learning educational opportunities, such as job shadowing, field trips, externships, and mentoring. Please visit the website, also linked on LPC's homepage, at [www.collegecentral.com/laspositascollege](http://www.collegecentral.com/laspositascollege).

For job placement opportunities, please visit the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center. The career center connects qualified job seekers with employment and career development opportunities. It provides employers with job-ready candidates, recruiting assistance, customized training, and outplacement services. Find the center at [www.trivalleyonestop.org](http://www.trivalleyonestop.org).



Courtesy of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

A student interns at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory through LPC's unique Engineering Technology Program, developed with the lab.

# Celebrating Women's History Month on Campus

## 4th Annual Honoring Women Veterans

The Veterans First Program presented the 4th Annual Honoring Women Veterans event, with keynote speakers, a panel discussion, and presentations of gifts and scholarships. President Russell welcomed the audience, which included students, staff, faculty, administrators, student veterans, veterans from our community,

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Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D. Keynote speakers were Air Force Veteran and Senior Scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Holly Franz, Ph.D., and Army Veteran Melissa Margain. Thanks to our generous sponsors and scholarship donors PG&E and DAR. Representatives with the Quilts of Valor Foundation presented colorful quilts to our keynote speakers.



Navy Veteran and LPC alumna Kelly McFarland moderates the panel discussion among four LPC women student veterans, from left, Frankie Stoneham, Destiny Goddu, Rachel McLaughlin, and Jennifer Syler.

## Celebrate Women! Exhibit

LPC's Photography Program presented an art exhibition featuring and honoring women and involving the local community. Artists were both male and female, ranging in age from 14 to 80. Their subjects hailed from local to international locations, such as Palestine, Peru, and Japan.

## Explore Options at Majors Fair

LPC invites the public to learn more about educational opportunities at Majors Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 27th, in the Mertes Center, Building 4000. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Parking is free during the event.

"Majors Fair is the best opportunity of the year for people to visit our campus and explore our many programs and services," said LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. "Everyone interested in college and careers is invited—from parents of high school and middle school students to professionals who want to find out how our programs can help them advance in their careers." At Majors Fair, visitors can talk with both faculty and students from the college's many academic programs to learn about majors, curriculum, and career options. The fair will also feature campus tours, recruiters from four-year colleges, and representatives from Student Services including the Transfer Center, Financial Aid, Counseling, and more.

## Foundation to Present Best of the Best Gala and Online Auction

Get ready for LPC's biggest annual fundraising events: the Best of the Best Gala on April 23rd and the online auction April 18th through 29th.

**Best of the Best Gala**  
**April 23rd, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Mertes Center for the Arts**  
**Tickets: [lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest](http://lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest) or (925) 424-1014**



Enjoy the best in performing arts, gourmet food, and wines—including the finest from our very own Las Positas College Cellars.

**Best of the Best Online Auction**  
**April 18th – April 29th**  
**[biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation](http://biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation)**

Bid on prime sports tickets, golf packages, a stagecoach ride, and more. Items make great gifts!



# Applauding Outstanding Student Achievement

## Three Students, Instructor Earn Top Honors

LPC congratulates three students and an instructor for winning prestigious honor society awards this month.

### Awards from National Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges Phi Theta Kappa

The honor society Phi Theta Kappa has announced that LPC student **Brianna Armario** has been named a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar, one of only 50 Gold Scholars from across the country. Selection as a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar was based on scores the student earned in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition, which had more than 1,900 applications. Ms. Armario, from Pleasanton, is majoring in Economics and Spanish. Additionally, Ms. Armario and **Nancy Kang** made the First Team of the All-California Team of Phi Theta Kappa. Ms. Kang, an international student from China, is majoring in Math and serves as a student trustee. Both students are active in many LPC organizations. They

were among only 31 students from throughout the state who placed on the First Team and were honored at a ceremony sponsored by the Community College League of California.

### Awards from the California Community College Honor Society Alpha Gamma Sigma

At the Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) state convention, **Ms. Armario** received the Kathleen D. Loly Academic Award and **Ms. Kang** received the Tom Jackson Academic, Service, and Leadership Award, making her the top AGS student in the state. This is the sixth time in the 10-year history of the Jackson Award that it has gone to an LPC student. **Claire Huestis**, a Chemical Engineering major living in Livermore, received the Ed Walsh Service Award. Retired Math Instructor and AGS Advisor Emeritus **Randy Taylor** was presented with the 2016 AGS Distinguished Service Award, and also was honored with the creation of a new award, the Randy Taylor Service Award, given to the AGS student with the top service in the state.

## Winners Hook Judges at “LPC Shark Tank”

Two creative ideas reeled in wins at the 3rd Annual “LPC Shark Tank” entrepreneurship competition, sponsored by the Business Studies Program. Student Akashdeep Kapoor (far right) won Most Innovative Idea for a company that streamlines the shipping process for manufacturers. The team of Matthew Kim, Wills Liou, and Harmanjot Singh (from left to right) won Most Likely to Succeed for a startup that creates virtual reality software. President Russell (far left) congratulated the winners and presented them with cash prizes. LPC thanks the judges and following generous sponsors: The Clorox Company, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the LPC Foundation.



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## Talk Hawks Capture 1st Place among Two-Year Colleges and 2nd Place Overall at Internationals

LPC's Talk Hawks Forensics team talked it way to the top at the recent International Forensics Association Tournament held in Vienna, Austria. Competing against 15 other teams, the Talk Hawks captured first place among all two-year colleges and second place overall. The speech team has a long, proud history of winning at the state, national, and international levels. Students paid their own travel expenses.

## Naked Magazine Earns Highest Honors; Student Journalists Take Home Eight Awards

LPC's student publication, *Naked Magazine*, won the coveted award for General Excellence at the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention, attended by about 400 students from 35 colleges across the state. LPC sent a delegation of 13 to the convention. Students won eight individual journalism awards.

# key dates...

Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and events.

## April

- 1-29 Sexual Assault Awareness Month; details on website
- 16-May 13 Spring Fine Art Festival: Library, Bldg. 2000, Mertes Center
- 18-29 Best of the Best Online Auction, [biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation](http://biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation)
- 20 Jody Bagno-Dill, *Inside Secrets of an Executive Coach: The Three Characteristics of Effective Leaders*, 6:15-7:30 PM, RM 2420, Free
- 21-23 LPC Swim & Dive Hosts Coast Conference Championships
- 23 Best of the Best Gala, 6 PM, Mertes Center. Tickets: [lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest](http://lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest) or (925) 424-1014
- 27 Majors Fair, 10 AM-2 PM, Mertes Center
- 30 Student Music Showcase, 8 PM\*

## May

- 4 Performing Arts Student Recital, 1 PM\*
  - 5 Fine Art Gala Reception, 6- 7:30 PM, Mertes Center
  - 6-15 *A Raisin in the Sun*, Fri/Sat at 8 PM, Sun at 2 PM\*
  - 10 *The Science of the Meaningful Life*, Psychology talk by Dacher Keltner, 7:30 PM, Mertes Center, Tickets: [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2473982](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2473982)
  - 11 Spring Career Expo, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM, Quad, Free
  - 12 *Celebrating Music!* LPC Music Program, 7 PM\*
  - 18 Drama Workshop Student Directed One Acts, 12 PM\*
  - 20 Speech Performance Night, 7 PM\*
  - Drama Workshop Student Directed One Acts, 8 PM\*
- \*Mertes Center. Tickets and info: [laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)**

**Please see the Athletics website for Schedules. Go, Hawks!**

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## Remembering Our Fallen

From April 4th through 9th, LPC was the site of *Remembering Our Fallen*, a traveling photo memorial of military and personal photos of each of California's Fallen service members lost in the War of Terror. Families and individuals from LPC and our greater community viewed this profoundly moving tribute, one of 17 individual memorials representing half of our country's Fallen since 9/11/01. To officially honor the memorial at LPC, Colors were presented by the United States Marine Corps at the opening. Thank you to the Veterans First Program, which brought the memorial to campus.

## LPC News Notes

**Championships at The Nest.** LPC put out the welcome mat in grand style, hosting the March 11th-13th California Community College Athletic Association Men's and Women's Basketball State Championships at our state-of-the-art facilities. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts to make this event a rousing success!

**Honors Students.** Two LPC students will present their research projects at the May 7th Annual Honors Research Symposium at UC Berkeley. Only 90 proposals were selected from 203 proposals from over 30 colleges statewide. Congratulations to the presenters Jennifer Gomez and Dhyani Parekh.

**Bio Alumni Panel.** Students got great advice at the annual Biology Majors Alumni Panel, with alums from UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, and CSUs.

**Scholarship Winner.** Early Childhood Development student Joe Sanchez has been selected unanimously for the CalWORKs Statewide Association Scholarship.

**Collection for the Homeless.** The Peace and Social Justice Club is teaming up with The Way and the Truth Christian Club to have a "purse, duffel bag, backpack, and satchel" drive. These will be filled with necessities for the homeless. Please bring donations to bins placed around campus by April 22nd.



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